

I strongly oppose the NCVEC's proposal. It would act to undermine the security of our country and its citizens; we all know how fragile this country is after 9/11. CW is the most effective mode of communications on low power (QRP); PCs and other energy-hungry devices which other digital modes rely on will not help us in our times of greatest need. 5 WPM already gives licensees ample leeway to learn the code compared to 13 WPM and 20 WPM. In an emergency, 5 WPM is still better than 0 WPM. I urge the Commission to reject this proposal and embrace more effective solutions in furthering the amateur radio service. Thank you.